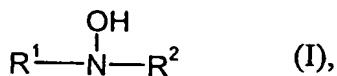


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An anti-skimming agent comprising
 - a) an organic compound of formula (I)

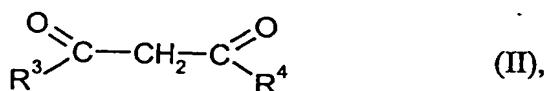


5 where

R^1 and R^2 mutually independently represent hydrogen, a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated C₁-C₂₀ aliphatic radical, which can optionally be mono- or polysubstituted, or a C₆-C₁₂ aryl radical, a C₇-C₁₄ araliphatic radical or a C₅-C₇ cycloaliphatic radical,

10 and either or both of

- b) an organic compound of formula (II)



where

R^3 represents hydrogen, a hydroxyl radical, a saturated or unsaturated

15 C₁-C₁₉ aliphatic radical, a C₁-C₇ alkoxy radical, or an amine radical - NR⁷R⁸,

R^4 represents hydrogen, hydroxyl radical, a saturated or unsaturated C₁-C₁₉ aliphatic radical, a C₁-C₇ alkoxy radical, or an amine radical - NR⁹R¹⁰,

20 R⁷ and R⁸ mutually independently represent hydrogen or a C₁-C₆ aliphatic radical,

R⁹ and R¹⁰ mutually independently hydrogen or a C₁-C₆ aliphatic radical, and

- c) an organic compound of formula (III)



where

R^5 represents hydrogen, a hydroxyl radical or a C₁-C₇ alkoxy radical and

5 R^6 represents hydrogen or an amine radical -NR¹¹R¹², R¹¹ and R¹² mutually independently represent hydrogen, C₁-C₆ aliphatic radical, or C₅-C₇ cycloaliphatic radical, or amine radical -NR¹R² with the proviso that R⁵ and R⁶ are not simultaneously hydrogen.

10 2. The anti-skinning agent of claim 1 further comprising water and/or an organic solvent.

 3. The anti-skinning agent of claim 1 wherein
 R^3 represents a substituted C₁-C₁₉ aliphatic radical, a substituted
15 C₁-C₇ alkoxy radical, or a substituted amine radical -NR⁷R⁸, and
 R^4 represents , a substituted C₁-C₁₉ aliphatic radical, a
 substituted C₁-C₇ alkoxy radical, or a substituted amine radical -NR⁹R¹⁰,
 R¹¹ and R¹² mutually independently represent a substituted C₁-C₆ aliphatic radical, or a substituted C₅-C₇ cycloaliphatic radical, or a
20 substituted amine radical -NR¹R²

 4. The anti-skinning agent of claim 1 wherein the compounds of formula (I) to (III) are in the form of aqueous dispersions or emulsions.

25 5. A composition of matter comprising the anti-skinning agent of claim 1.

6. The composition of matter of claim 5 wherein the amount of anti-skinning agent is between 0.001 and 2.0 wt.% based on the composition.

5 7. The composition of matter of claim 5 wherein the amount of anti-skinning agent is between 0.01 to 0.5 wt.%, based on the composition.

10 8. The composition of matter of claim 5 further comprising a pigment.

15 9. The composition of matter of claim 5 wherein the composition is a colorless or pigmented paint, a coating, a printing ink based on oxidatively drying binders, an oxidatively drying paint system, or a spraying agent in a printing ink.